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SUBJECT: ELIGIBILITY FOR INFRASTRUCTURE COMMON FUNDING OF AIRCRAFT
SURVIVAL MEASURES FOR M PLUS 3 RAPID REACTION AIRCRAFT

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED FOLLOWING DPC DOCUMENT, DPC/D(74)23 (REVISED)
OF 3 FEB 75, WHICH IS NOW TO BE APPROVED BY DPC UNDER THE SILENCE
PROCEDURE WITH END DATE OF 14 FEB 75.

TEXT FOLLOWS:

REFS: (A) DPC/D(71)17; (B) DPC/R(71)15, ITEM I.

1. BY REF (A), THE DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE QUOTE APPROVED
THE ADVANCE PROGRAMMING, AGAINST SLICE XXII OF THE NATO COMMON
INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM, OF THE (AIRCRAFT SURVIVAL MEASURES) PROJECTS
LISTED IN ANNEXES II AND III OF DPC/D(71)17 UNQUOTE. IT ALSO
APPROVED THE METHOD OF PROGRAMMING PROPOSED BY THE WORKING GROUP
OF EUROGROUP INFRASTRUCTURE EXPERTS AT ANNEX I TO THE REPORT AND
SUMMARIZED IN PARA (2), SUB-PARA (B) OF THIS LATTER PARAGRAPH
PROVIDES THAT QUOTE THE WHOLE EUROGROUP TOTAL (...) SHOULD BE
ALLOCATED TO AIRCRAFT SURVIVAL MEASURES ON THE
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UNDERSTANDING THAT:

(I) ULTIMATE COST OVERRUNS BEYOND THE EUROGROUP
TOTAL OR ANY OTHER COMMONLY FUNDED INFRASTRUCTURE EXPENDITURE IN

CONNECTION WITH ASM, WOULD BE BORNE BY THE NATO COMMON INFRA-STRUCTURE PROGRAM;

(II) ...

(III) ...

2. ALTHOUGH NOT EXPLICITLY WORDED TO THIS EFFECT, THE ABOVE DECISIONS ENTAIL RECOGNITION OF THE ELIGIBILITY FOR COMMON FUNDING OF ASM AS A NEW CATEGORY OF INFRASTRUCURE.

3. THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES' DECISION TO LIMIT PROGRAMMING OF ASM TO 70 PCT OF THE TOTAL REQUIREMENT IS SET FORTH IN SACEUR'S PROGRAM FOR PHYSICAL PROTECTION OF AIRFIELDS (SHAPE 6160/14-4-1, DATED 6 NOV 68), ENDORSED BY THE MILITARY COMMITTEE IN MCM-77-71, DATED 24 SEPT 71.

4. ON 23 JULY 74 THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE NOTED THAT THE UNITED STATES INTENDED TO PREFINANCE A NUMBER OF SHELTER PROJECTS FOR M PLUS 3 RAPID REACTION AIRCRAFT AND THAT SHAPE WAS CONSIDERING THE PROGRAMMING OF THESE SHELTERS IN THE NEXT INFRA-STRUCTURE SLICE GROUP.

5. DURING A DISCUSSION ON THE ELIGIBILITY FOR COMMON FUNDING OF THESE M PLUS 3 SHELTERS, SOME DELEGATIONS CONSIDERED THAT SINCE M PLUS 3 RAPID REACTION AIRCRAFT WERE EARMARKED TO SACEUR, THEY CAME WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF QUOTE AIRCRAFT SURVIVAL MEASURES TO PROVIDE 70 PCT COVERAGE FOR ALL TACTICAL COMBAT AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED OR EARMARKED TO THE ACE AREA UNQUOTE AND WERE THEREFORE COVERED BY THE DPC AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING THEIR ELIGIBILITY FOR COMMON FUNDING. OTHER DELEGATIONS, ON THE OTHER HAND, WERE OF THE OPINION THAT A FORMAL DPC DECISION WAS REQUIRED TO EXTEND THE EXISTING ELIGIBILITY OF ASM TO THESE M PLUS 3 SHELTERS.

6. FINALLY, THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO REQUEST THE DPC TO TAKE A FORMAL DECISION IN THIS RESPECT AND NOW RECOMMENDS THAT THE DPC: AGREE THAT SHELTERS AND THE USUAL ASM SUPPORT FACILITIES FOR M PLUS CONFIDENTIAL

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3 RAPID REACTION AIRCRAFT BE CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE FOR COMMON FUNDING UNDER THE EXISTING AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING THE ELIGIBILITY OF AIRCRAFT SURVIVAL MEASURES AND THAT THEIR INCLUSION IN THE INFRA-STRUCTURE PROGRAM SHOULD BE SUBJECTED TO THE SAME RULES AND LIMITATIONS AS HAVE BEEN APPLIED TO THE ORIGINAL PROGRAM IN RESPECT OF

QUOTE DUAL-BASED UNQUOTE AIRCRAFT. /S/ ELDON SMITH, CONTROLLER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE.

END TEXT.

2. MISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL. BRUCE

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